

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

- 5     1.     An ornamental picket spacer for a railing system, the spacer comprising:
- an elongated spacer member having generally parallel sides and a  
wall extending therebetween; and
- 10             an ornamental member connected to said wall.
2.     The ornamental spacer of claim 1 wherein said generally parallel sides of  
said elongated spacer member comprise wings for insertion into the railing  
system.
- 15     3.     The ornamental spacer of claim 1 wherein said ornamental member is a  
diamond.
4.     The ornamental spacer of claim 1 wherein said ornamental member is a  
20     circle.
5.     An ornamental picket spacer for a railing system, the spacer comprising:
- an elongated spacer member having generally parallel sides and a  
25     wall extending therebetween;
- an ornamental member connected to said wall; and
- an elongated cross member connected to said ornamental member  
30     and disposed generally parallel to said spacer member and generally

in the same plane as the elongated spacer member, said elongated cross member having first and second ends.

5 6. The ornamental spacer of claim 5 wherein said generally parallel sides of said elongated spacer member comprise wings for insertion into the railing system

10 7. The ornamental spacer of claim 5 wherein said first and second ends of said elongated cross member comprises connector means for connecting said elongated cross member to the pickets

8. The ornamental spacer of claim 7 wherein said connector means comprises tines spaced apart for snugly engaging the pickets.

15 9. The ornamental spacer of claim 7 wherein said connector means comprises connector walls extending generally perpendicular to said cross member

20 10. The ornamental spacer of claim 7 wherein said connector means comprises connector walls extending generally perpendicular to said cross member and fasteners, said connector walls each defining a hole whereby said fasteners may be inserted through to the pickets.

25 11. The ornamental spacer of claim 5 wherein said ornamental member is a diamond.

12. The ornamental spacer of claim 5 wherein said ornamental member is a circle.

30 13. A kit for an ornamental picket spacer for a railing system, the kit comprising:

an elongated spacer member having generally parallel sides and a wall extending therebetween; and

an ornamental member connectable to said wall.

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14. A kit for an ornamental picket spacer for a railing system, the kit comprising:

an elongated spacer member having generally parallel sides and a wall extending therebetween;

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an ornamental member connectable to said wall; and

an elongated cross member connectable to said ornamental member and disposed generally parallel to said spacer member and generally in the same plane as the elongated spacer member, said elongated cross member having first and second ends.

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15. An ornamental picket spacer for a railing system, the spacer comprising:

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an elongated spacer member; and

an ornamental member connected to said elongated spacer member.

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